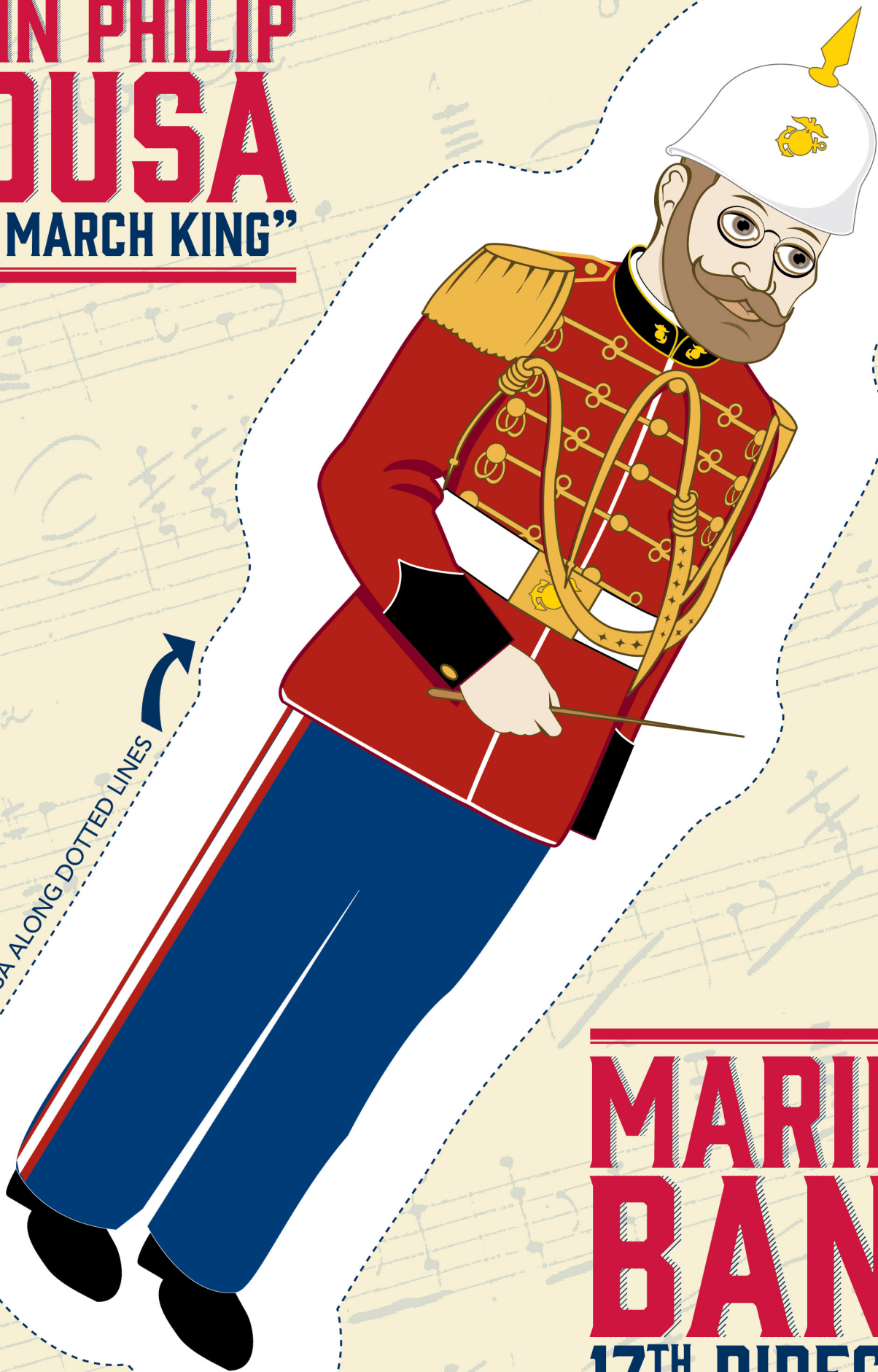


# JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

"THE MARCH KING"

CUT OUT SOUSA ALONG DOTTED LINES



# MARINE BAND

17<sup>TH</sup> DIRECTOR



UNITED STATES MARINE BAND

# TRAVELING SOUSA

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## WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1798 by an Act of Congress, "The President's Own" United States Marine Band is America's oldest continuously active professional musical organization.

Today, "The President's Own" is celebrated for its role at the White House and its dynamic public performances. "The President's Own" encompasses the United States Marine Band and the Marine Chamber Orchestra and performs regularly at the White House and for more than 300 public performances across the nation each year.

## SOUSA BIOGRAPHY

At age 13, John Philip Sousa tried to join a circus band but his dad Antonio (who was a trombonist in "The President's Own" United States Marine Band) intervened and enlisted him as an apprentice musician in the Marine Band. On Oct. 1, 1880, John Philip Sousa became the 17th Director of the Marine Band. Known as "The March King," he wrote famous marches including "Washington Post" and "Semper Fidelis," the official march of the Marine Corps. He also wrote "The Stars and Stripes Forever," which became the official march of the United States by an act of Congress in 1987.